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OF THERAPEUTIC AGENTS FROM MEDICAL ARTICLES

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## **AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2008, having a date for response of March 2, 2009. This Amendment and Response is timely submitted.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the \$52.00 fee for one additional claim to Deposit Account Number 50-1047. The Office is further authorized to charge any other fees deemed to be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1047.

Kindly consider the following Amendments and Remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7.